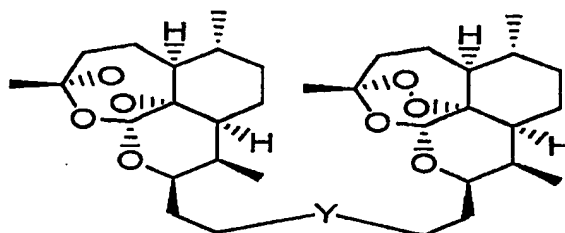


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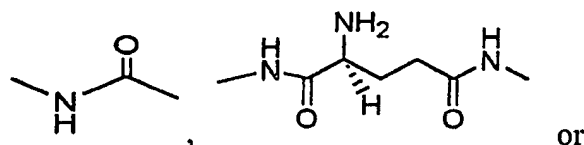
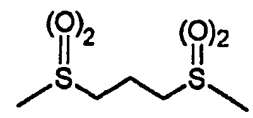
1. A deoxoartemisinin analog of the following formula:



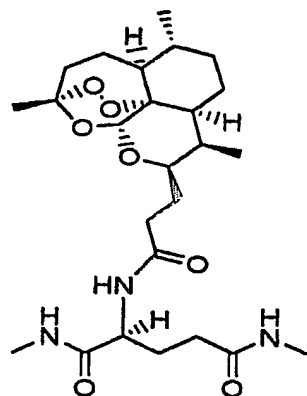
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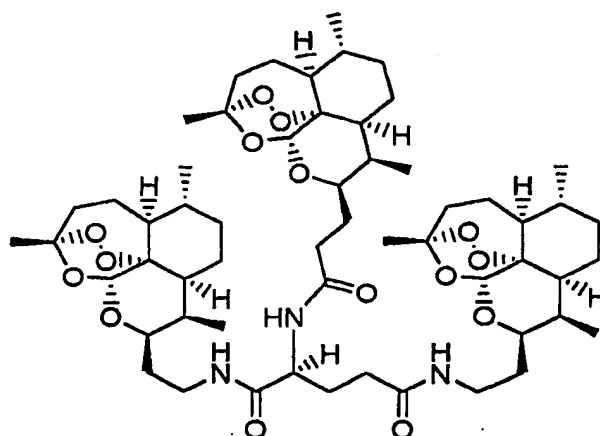
-S-, -SO₂-,

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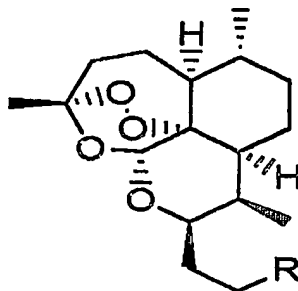
2. A method for preparing deoxoartemisinin trimer of the following formula, said method comprising the steps of: (a) coupling 12-carboxylethyldeoxoartemisinin with L-glutamic diethylester; (b) hydrolyzing two ester groups of the product from said step (a); and (c) doubly coupling the product from said step (b) with 2 moles of 12-aminoethyldeoxoartemisinin:

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3. The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein said coupling reaction is carried in the presence of 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide and
 5 10-hydroxybenzotriazole (EDC/HOBt).

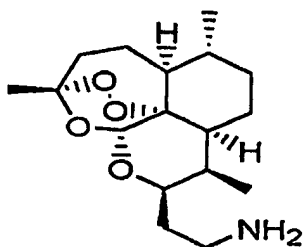
4. A deoxyartemisinin analog of the following formula:



wherein R is Br or NH₂.

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5. A method for preparing 12-aminoethyldeoxyartemisinin of the following formula, said method comprising the steps of: (a) hydroborative oxidizing a terminal olefin of 12-vinyldihydroartemisinin alcohol; (b) brominating the product from said step (a) with CBr₄/PPh₃; (c) photooxygenative cyclizing the product from said step (b); (d) reacting the
 15 product from said step (c) with sodium azide; and (e) reducing an azide group of the product from said step (d):



6. An anticancer agent comprising said deoxoartemisinin analog as claimed in claim

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